ROBERTS MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role
The **primary** role of Roberts Memorial Provincial Park is to protect important sandstone ledges that serve as a haul out for northern and California sea lions during the summer months. Donated by May Vaughan Roberts in memory of her husband and daughter, the park contains a forested upland which serves as a scenic backdrop to the sandstone beach.

Secondary Role
The **secondary** role of the park is to provide day use recreational opportunities associated with the natural values and features of the park. The park is a popular day use area for local and area residents, offering hiking, picnicking, photography and wildlife viewing opportunities. A short trail through Douglas-fir stands brings visitors to a scenic shoreline and rich intertidal area that provides habitat to a variety of sea birds and marine life.

Tertiary Role
The **tertiary** role is to protect any cultural resources associated with this park. A shell midden located on the beach signifies First Nations' traditional use of this area for the harvesting of rich intertidal marine life.

Known Management Issues	Response
Auto theft and vandalism of vehicles in parking lot.	Implement "Park Watch" program in conjunction with area residents, local RCMP detachment.
Provide protection to the intertidal and marine natural values.	Pursue acquisition of the foreshore for inclusion in the park.
Investigate potential transfer to Nanaimo Regional District.	Undertake consultations with Regional District, Nanaimo First Nations and stakeholders.

Zoning

The entire park (14 hectares) is zoned Natural Environment.

Conservation

Representation - ecosection	☐	Contributes minimally to the representation of the Nanaimo Lowland Ecosection. This ecosection is under-represented: only 1.4% protected in PA system. Roberts Memorial contributes only 0.27% of overall representation of the ecosection.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	☐	CDFmm variant - only 2.43% protected; Roberts Memorial contributes only 0.2% of the overall protected area representation of this variant.
Special Feature	☒	Sandstone ledges provide excellent haul out site for northern and California sea lions.
Rare/Endangered Values	☐	None identified
Scientific/Research Opportunities	☐	

Recreation

Representation backcountry	☐	
destination	☐	
travel corridor	☐	
local recreation	☒	Popular local day use area for picnicking, wildlife viewing and nature appreciation.
Special Opportunities	☒	Nature appreciation and wildlife viewing (e.g. eagles, herons, seabirds etc. and sea lions during summer months).
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	☒	Wildlife viewing

Cultural Heritage

Representation	☐	
Special Feature	☒	Archaeological site (shell midden).

Other Management Considerations

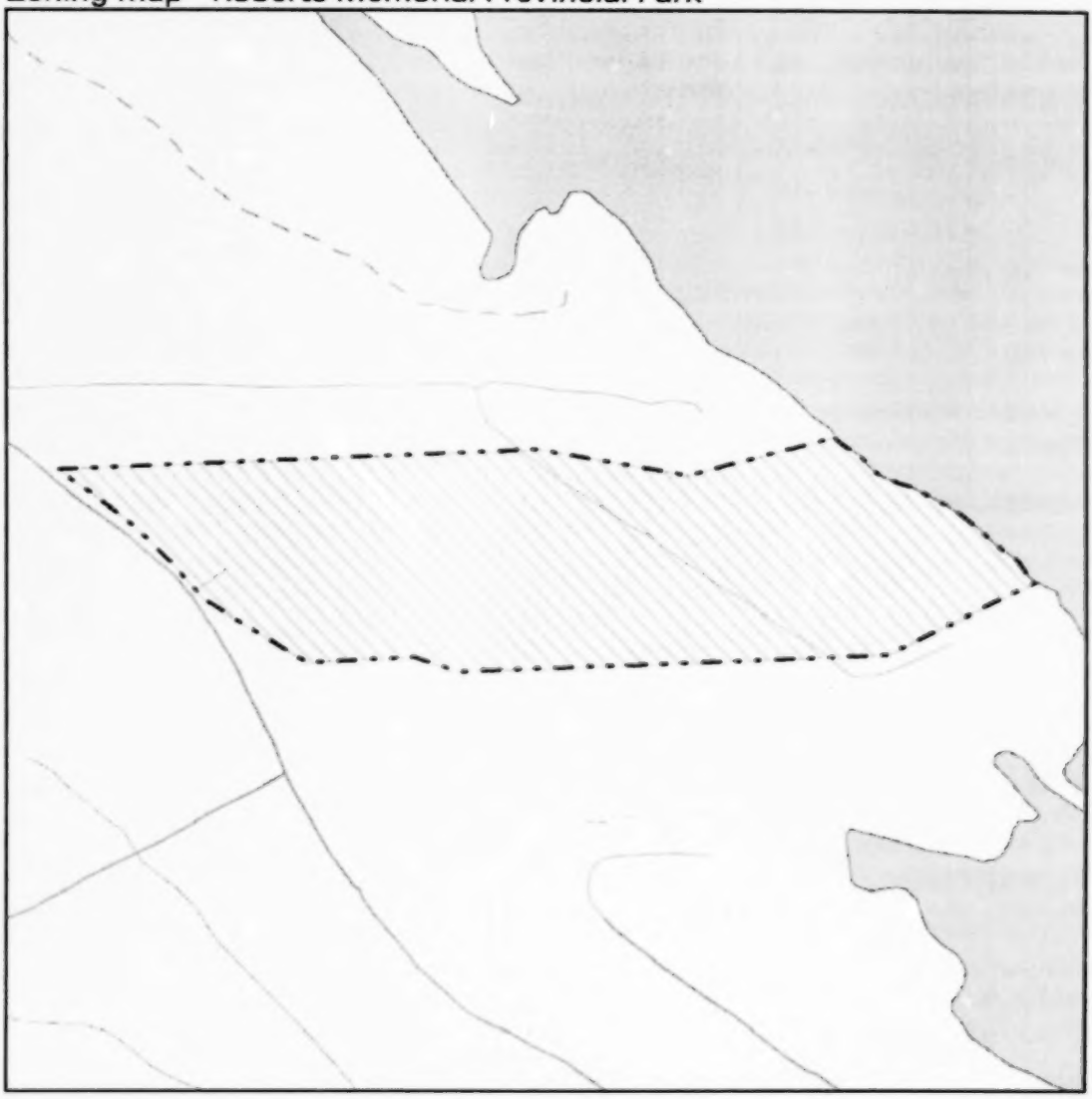
Other Designations	☒	Investigate possible transfer to Nanaimo Regional District.

Relationship to other PAs	☐	
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☒	Potential for Nanaimo First Nations or Nanaimo Regional District to manage park.
Partnerships	☒	Stewardship arrangement with local interest group, "Park Watch" etc.
Vulnerability	☒	Vandalism (liaise with local RCMP detachment to reduce auto theft and vandalism).
Relationship to other Strategies	☐	

Area: 14 hectares

Date of establishment: May 22, 1980

Zoning Map - Roberts Memorial Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

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